
ARENA REPORT

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Hope it has been a good two weeks for everyone as I welcome you to another edition of "AR". These first couple of lines have to be the hardest to write without sounding redundant every issue. Anyways, we have some good reading for you in this issue. I have an editorial piece on the NWA. Mr. Atlanta Lively Scott Hudson is here with his Journal. Evan Ginzburg takes a look at the Tri-State card held in Philly last month in his column. Mike Terry will be along with his 2 cents. And lest I forget, we have an intro to our new staff member Rodney Leighton. "Hot Rod's" regular column will start appearing next issue. Of course, the regular columns such as "Ramblings", "Correspondent's Corner", and "Letters To "AR". grace these pages as well. The letters are in the "AR" tradition. A heck of alot of fun to read. Thanks to those responsible.

Next issue will be dated 10/10 and I'll have two live reports. One from Melbourne and the NWA on 10/11 and the WWF in Orlando on 10/13. Scott Hudson will have two columns next ish with his normal Journal but also, a report on his trip to Memphis where he was going to the USWA's big show to crown a new unified champion. Cult hero Marianne Ryan returns from her parking lot with some notes. (Seems like all my staff members are becoming cult heros.) And as noted earlier, "Hot Rod" will be by with his official debut "Leighton Move". I'll also take a look at the WWF's Saturday Night's Main Event which airs 10/13. My plan right now is to run bi-weekly until the end of November where I'm skedded to publish on the 19th. But with Klone and myself planning on attending the Clash in Jacksonville live on the 20th, I'll hold off until the 26th. After that you'll receive the one special double year end issue in mid-December and that will do it for 1990. I'll be back to bi-weekly starting in January 1991. I'm still working on plans for my year ender. I need to contact a couple of more people that I would love to contribute. Since this is my first year end issue, I'd like to make it special.

Arena Report is published bi-weekly at the cost of 75¢ per issue. The label on your envelope indicates how many issues you have remaining. An apology may be in order for last issue as I abruptly ended the issue without a so long. Trivial? Maybe. But one of my major cohorts in Chicago reemed me for it. All subscriptions, letters, match reports and the like may be sent to Ron Lemieux, 916 Sloewood Ct. Lake Mary, FL 32746. I'll be getting a P.O. Box at the end of the year mainly because Klone has come up with a good idea on marketing this sheet in the state of Florida. With that in mind, I don't want any wackos out there with my address. I guess that means I trust the couple of hundred of you out there.

STARCADE '90-THE SWITCHING OF SAINTS

Everyone has been lamenting the problems the NWA has had recently. What problems? It would take a Stephen King novel to talk about them all. From non-existant house show crowds to wrestlers that do what they please without repurcusions from management etc, etc. I'd like to focus on one topic though, and that is screwing the fans at the houses.

I can't remember how many times I heard a scenario in the past couple of months where Doom was wrestling another team (R&R or Steiners) and the faces won with the crowd thinking the title changed only to find out it was a non-title match. I never believed the theory that some of the crowd wouldn't come to the next show because of something like this. But it happens.

You may think this is trivial to WCW but they are at the point where they can't afford to lose any fans, even if its one. Which brings me to the main flux of this article, the screwing of St. Petersburg. Now you may call me a "homer" (someone who roots for the hometeam and always thinks he's right about his team.) but I would feel this way about any city that got treated like this.

Let's set the stage: Saturday, July 21st, the Bayfront Center in St. Pete. Jeff Bowdren, Dave Flaherty, Cheryl, and myself minding our own business when Gary Michael Cappetta takes the mic during intermission and announces to the crowd that Starcade '90 would take place right here in the Bayfront Center on December 15th. The crowd of about 4,000 roared, (Okay, they didn't roar but there was alot of enthusiasm.) while we exchanged high fives. The setting switches to the same arena one month later, Saturday, August 18th. I was looking forward to hearing Capetta announce Starcade again. I wanted to make sure I wasn't dreaming. After the opener which saw Iron Sheik deliver his belly button, Cappetta grabs the mic. Could this be it? No, he's pawning the NWA program edited nicely by Dennis Brent. (As I brown my nose.) The third match which sees Brian Pillman beat Buddy "Fire him, hire him back" Landell ends before intermission and Gary takes the mic again. Could this be it? No, he hawks a Sting T-shirt and throws it into the crowd. Unlike Baltimore, I do not tear it out of an eight year olds hand. At this point, I hear a guy behind me ask his friend if they'll announce when Starcade tickets will go on sale. You lose pal. After the final bout which saw the Horsemen lay down for Luger and the multi-talented pair of Junkyard Dog and El gigante, Gary Siegel Cappetta takes the mic and.....thanks the crowd for coming and hopes to see them next time they're in town. At this point I'm scratching my head. What's the deal? I find out a few weeks later when Dave Meltzer says to me, "Oh, did you hear they moved Starcade"? Whaaaat? My bubble burst.

Now lets look at a couple of the reasons I've Herd they changed the show. They lost their TV time in St. Pete. True, but they still have decent TV in Tampa which is considered the St. Pete market. Ever hear the a saying Tampa-St. Pete. They're right next door to each other. St. Pete has been one of their better cities drawing wise. They would have easily sold out the 12,000 seat building with the right promotion. No, they're going to St. Louis where they drew 2,200 for Flair-Sting. It'll be the dead of winter too. Where would you rather be in December, Florida or St. Louis. The other reason I Herd was that they were worried about the legal problems in Florida for Stan Lane and Barry Windham. Well Lane has cleared things up since he appeared on the FL swing last weekend. Barry may go awol again so it doesn't matter with him anyway. Those people in attendance that night of the announcement are probably still thinking the PPV will be in St. Pete. Who told them the plans were changed? Not the NWA. Don't get me wrong. If they changed the site, that's fine, but either don't announce the date if your not 100% positive you'll be there, or at least announce to the fans the change in plans. I can't wait to hear what the attendance is for their next card on 10/12. Oh well, I guess I'll have to wait until January for my next live PPV in Miami with Bowdren, Flaherty, Klonster, and the Meltz. 5 Live Crew. By the way, doesn't Jim Herd make his year round residence in St. Louis. Maybe he's the "Homer".

Ramblings

Roddy Piper will be getting out of the announcer's booth and into the ring as he scheduled to be involved in 20 man bunkhouse battle royals through November.....J.J. Dillon currently on vacation in Hawaii but he won't be returning to Titan. He'll be going back to Atlanta and working in the office with Jim Barnett. No jokes please.....Tuned into the NWA Fans Jam for about four minutes Friday night. It was during the radio talk show hosts segment. They certainly weren't kayfabling the biz as they admitted that Ole Anderson

was doing the voice for interviews for the Black Scorpion. Funny that Lance Russell nor Jim Ross denied it. It was either Larry Katz or Joel Goodheart who said it. Ole and Herd probably had coronaries.....As I mentioned in the reports, Gibson blew his knee out in Tallahassee. Should be back in time for Havoc.....Love the promo for Havoc with Elvira and Sid. Too bad the guy can't work. Most overated push in wrestling. Wait, I forgot about Earthquake.....Talk about plants. Those people on the tour bus for the home of the Freebirds were all TBS employees. They work TV for WCW.....The Youngbloods looked real good on TV this week but that crowd in Marietta was like a morgue for most of the bouts. Good thing they're going to Center Stage. The angle they did for Nasties and Steiners in Chicago looked great. Rick and Scott probably volunteered to get potatoed with the belts. Remember Rick punching Scott in the face to get the parking lot angle over? That was one part of the Nasties work that was good in the PWF. They're out of the ring brawling and wild action was decent. Maybe they should book all their bouts as New York Street Fights.....Talk that World Class is negotiating with Sky Low Low in an attempt to make Chris Von Erich look good.....A friend of mine from Boston saw the Roadies, Hercules, and Roma working out at the gym he belongs to last time they were in Beantown. He said he was amazed that Roma was holding his own with the weights in comparison to the big boys.....Good thing the GLOW women don't have to use their brains in their profession. They'd be broke.....Didn't it look like Rick Rude enjoyed yelling at McMahon during the Heenan-Boss Man angle?.....Just after I finished telling Cheryl that any 8 or 9 year old kid would know who the mystery wrestler was on TBS, a guy in his thirties calls into the Larry Katz show and says he thinks its Don Muraco. Well, at least Muraco is from a beach. If pure WWF fans saw the contest, they'd probably think it's Hogan.....ICW on 9/28 before 150 saw Vic Steamboat defend his belt against Tasmanian Devil.....Talk about exposing the business. M.L. Curly does a weekly wrestling column in the Detroit News. From a recent column: "As his price for replacing the injured Brutus Beefcake as Mr. Perfect's opponent at SummerSlam, Von Erich demanded the I-C Title in negotiations with McMahon." Although Curly makes up for that when he rated Earthquake #7 in the world.....Superstar Billy Graham appeared at the University of Toledo this past Friday speaking out on steroids.....Samoan Swat Team was back at the NWA tapings this past week. Guess they're waiting for Pedicino to go big time before they work for him. Hope they have time to wait because even with the backing, Joe won't do it if he can't do it right.... Louie Fortuna and his buddy talked to Shane McMahon at the Boston card. Acted very friendly and said the economy was why houses were way down. Louie, you should have asked him if an Earthquake-Tugboat main event would have contributed also.

I was saving this space for last minute results from the WWF in the Omni tonight 10/7 but Scott is under the weather and didn't attend the show since he wanted to be okay to hit the Mempho tourney tommorrow. Can't blame him. Would you risk a big show for a Titan card? Me either. He did give me the results though that he got off of his buddy Steve Preezak, (Hope it's spelled right. Basically same as the Boston line up in C.C. but different main events. Diamond over Bradley...Snuka beat Warlord...Davey Boy downed Haku...Slaughter bested Volkoff...Harts beat R&B in best bout of the night via DQ...Hennig over Kerry via count out...Roadies & Warrior over Demolition as of course, Ultimate pinned Smash...Jon Gallagher puts out Wrestling Forum at \$1.50 per issue. It comes out on the 15th and 30th of each month. Forum has one of the best letters pages around. If you haven't tried it yet, I urge you to do so. The address is P.O. Box 65, Knoxville, IL 61448.....John Lanigan of P.O.Box 583, McKeesport, PA 15134 is looking for a roommate for Chicago and the Halloween Havoc card. Drop John a line if you'd like to hook up.

IT'S MY 2-CENTS

by Mike Terry

Lie of the month #1: from Gorilla Monsoon to Bobby Heenan about Hulk Hogan vitamins: "If you'd take these, your wrist would be headed by now--they heal everything." I'm sure the Mayo Clinic was on the phone right away. Lie #2: from Lee Marshall on AWA TV: "I read all the wrestling magazines and they all list the Trooper in the top 5."

I rather liked the introductory video of the Master Blasters. It's not everyone who can so successfully navigate a mud puddle. As it turned out, that was the most skill they displayed.....Wasted Talent: Buddy Landell. And I have a feeling Terry Taylor will soon join that list.....Did anyone else notice on the last Clash of Champions the promo about Sting being on the hotline until 8:30...played at 8:30 (ET)?.....Did you participate in the Fans Jam on the hotline? Not me. I could just imagine all the little spudheads and pea brains trying to impress each other with their inside knowledge. And wasn't the absence of Steve Beverly from the lineup rather interesting? He's enough of a journalist to have his own night on the hotline, but not enough to join on the Fans Jam. Or maybe Steve had to do the weather that night.

Gene Okerlund's pinch-hitting on Prime Time really made me miss the Gorilla. I'm all for recycling, but Gene's jokes are from the Stone Age. He proved he's a real "Not Ready for Prime Time Player".....So the NWA now has the A&W King of the Slams and the Goodies Headache of the Week. What's next--the Preparation H Hemorrhoid of the week?.....I can't blame Mean Mark for seeking meaner pastures. Even the Legion of Doom seems to have new life in the WWF.....Separated at birth: Chris Cruise and Kyle McLachlan.....Tojo Yamamoto & E.T.....Nicoli Volkoff and a Sharpei dog.....More TV woes for the NWA--they're off Toledo TV having lost both channels they were on; in Detroit, Channel 7 has dropped their 4:00 a.m. Saturday morning slot, and Channel 50--a Fox affiliate--has shifted them from 10 a.m. Saturday to 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

Believe it or not, I have a compliment for the NWA--well, at least some of their new talent. I predict a bright future for the Nasty Boys. And J.W. Storm impresses me as having a real strong camera presence. Of course when you consider that their fates are in the hands of the masterminds whose prowess includes those nonsensical China Club segments and failure to get Big Van Vader over, you have to wonder how far they'll go. Who says the WWF doesn't have a "farm system?" It's the NWA!.....Why do I suspect we'll never get a satisfactory answer about the background and identity of the Black Scorpion? Just as many have speculated that David Lynch didn't really know who killed Laura Palmer, I don't Ole Anderson has written that chapter yet. My money says the whole Scorpion thing will just disappear with no conclusive answers.....New soap opera coming to TBS called: "The Young and the Hopeless" starring El Gigante, the Master Blasters, and Missy Hyatt.

There is speculation that the Saturday Night's Main Event angle with the bludgeoning of Dustin Rhodes was a shoot. Get real! Give Ted DiBiase some credit. He's too much of a pro. As you read this, the angle has probably aired with electronic censoring of the blood. That'll probably be more effective to the mainstream audience than showing the real thing.

The TBS production crew has done another spectacular job on the Halloween Havoc promos with Elvira. But the lineup says Arn Anderson and BARRY WINDHAM meet Doom. Betcha that'll never get changed.

Until next month, remember the 3 demandments, eat those Hulk Hogan vitamins, pray for the return of Terry Funk and Christopher Cruise, hope a miracle comes along to save the NWA management from itself and get your dogs and cats spayed or neutered. For what it's worth, it's my 2-cents.

SCOTT HUDSON'S.....

GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL

YOU KNOW, I'M SOUTH'N BORN AND SOUTH'N BRED AND WHEN I DIE I'LL BE..... BURIED. It's funny how Bob Armstrong never had a good grasp of the obvious. Anyway, welcome to issue seven of the Georgia Wrestling Journal. Read on...

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS CENTER (10-01-90) NWA TV TAPINGS FOR AIR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 13, 1990..Power Hour : Samoan Swat Team over White & Ford..World Championship Wrestling: Juicer over Stone..Nasty Boys over Hart & Barrett..Zenk over Ford..Moondog Reeks over Tommy Rich..Taylor over Cole..Storm over Peterson..Steiners over Midnight Express when Rick pinned Eaton..Horner over Carr..Southern Boys over Death Row & Fahrouk..Rock and Roll Express over The Ringlords..Renegade Warriors over State Patrol..Worldwide: Juicer over Coates..Scott Steiner over Ford..Doom over Holiday & Angel..Renegade Warriors over Horowitz & Burton..Vicious over Sawyer..Nasty Boys over Allen & Crenshaw..NWA Pro: Taylor over Stallion..Steiners over Horowitz and Fahrouk..State Patrol over White & Sawyer..Renegade Warriors over Carr & Stone..Zenk over Storm by disqualification..Midnight Express over Riggins & Parker..Main Event: Arn over Horner..NEWS AND NOTES: The Midnight-Steiners match on WCW is at least a ****½ match and possibly higher as all five (including Cornette) were at their peak. The Steiners used all manner of new moves including a kneeling clothesline and a top rope bulldog by Rick and a backslide escape from a second rope suplex by Scott against Eaton. This is absolutely a "must-see". Rick also got hardway juice from Cornette's raquet shot..The Juicer (Art Barr) is really getting over well. He himself paints the faces of any child that wants to accompany him to the ring. The number of kids grows from match to match..Scott Steiner and Bill Ford execute a perfect, I mean Perfect, Frankensteiner on Worldwide. On this night, Scott was the best in the business..Once again, an act that does jobs on one show is given a push on another show. Last time it was Lou Perez and this week it was the State Patrol..Possible Line Of The Year goes to the unnamed kid sitting behind me. During Zenk's squash over Bill Ford on WCW, I sarcastically asked (to no one in particular) "Gosh, which one's Z-Man and which one's Bill Ford, I can't tell them apart?" To which the kid promptly replied, "Z-Man is the one in the pink tights." And a child shall lead them..As I, ahem, relieved myself at a urinal, who stepped up to the left of me but the Roman Gladiator himself, Ric Flair. It was a moment I won't soon forget, but how come it couldn't have been Tessa?..OTHER NEWS & COMMENTS: If you di not hear Larry Zbysko's interview on the AWA ESPN show prior to the Team Challenge final, you missed him refering to Sting as "a coward" and to "Vince McMahon, Jr.'s Anabolic Warrior" as "worse than Sting is". He said it all. Jake Milliman was hilarious in the ring as he tried to share in the Team Challenge victory with The Hangmen, The Destruction Crew, and Zbysko and kept being pushed aside..Georgia All-Star Wrestling is currently pushing Nick Busick (still the booker) as Georgia Heavyweight Champion, Billy Black & Mr. Wrestling as Georgia Tag Team Champions, and Steve Lawler as Georgia Television Champion..GAW along with Peach State Wrestling is promoting a big show on 10-13 in Thomaston, Ga. using Nikita Koloff, Paul Orndorff, and Jimmy Valiant..Results from the 10-07 WWF Omni show are found elsewhere in this ish..NWA returns to the Omni on 10-14 with, among others, a Sid Vicious vs. Bobby Eaton taped fist match..Conspicuous by their absences tonight were Pillman, Junkfood Dog, Hansen, Landell & El Gig-Andre..Damn, I really miss seeing Tessa.

THE LAST WORD...

"My grandmother was the only person I ever met who thought the moon landing was fake and professional wrestling was real."

-Lewis Grizzard
(ED.NOTE: She must have been from Gainesville, Georgia.)

A PIECE OF MY MIND--BY EVAN GINZBURG

It's a hopeful, rejuvenated E.G. here, just back from the best live wrestling show I've seen since the War Games hit the Nassau Coliseum a few years back. You're saying to yourself it can't be the WWF right? Haven't heard about any "great" NWA shows lately. So what is it?

Well, would you believe an **INDIE** in Philly?

The TRI-STATE WRESTLING ALLIANCE (PROMOTER JOEL GOODHEART) put on a card 9/15 that was wild from top to bottom. I don't want to bore you with straight results, but imagine a 4½* star main-event between Lawler & Terry Funk that saw the Funker leave a pool of blood at ringside! Eddie Gilbert jumps in to save him, Austin Idol saves Lawler, and the four brawl throughout the arena. As if that wasn't good enough, Idol threatens to attack Lawler from behind to add extra suspense & Gilbert & Funk come back out of the dressing room repeatedly to challenge the two still in the ring. Finally Funk gets on the mike and says "Is there a Doctor in the house!? I need to get stitched up!" He walks back to the dressing room, showing fans the cut. A violent, sick, brutal, amazing match! And believe it or not, this **wasn't** the best match of the night either...

What could top that? Picture this: Abdullah the Butcher comes out and is scheduled to wrestle Manny Fernandez in a Mexican Death Match. Instead, Cactus Jack appears & within 10 seconds, Abbie has his foreign object bouncing off of Jack's head, blood pouring. Jack rips off his boot and starts pounding Abbie. Double juice. Abbie's getting the best of it with those wild chops to the throat and next thing you know Manny's jumping him, and the two take it across the entire arena, in and out of backstage, Manny pouring blood too. Sick, violent, brutal, outrageous too! 4½* Just tore the place up! These matches went on back to back- it was 30 plus minutes of wrestling freakin' nirvana!

You know, I'm looking back at these two paragraphs, and it's nice to sound enthusiastic about wrestling again (not just nostalgic). Add a reverse steel cage match with all the indie guys, fighting to get **in** the cage (Cheetah Kid & Larry Winters stole the show), a hair vs. hair match between Hotbody & Stetson (two decent indies), an o.k. tag with Chris Adams & Kevin Von Erich vs. Idol & Al Perez, a rare east coast appearance by Adrian Street, and countless angles, managers, and other things to make a hardcore drool, and you have wrestling the way it **should** be. Everyone & I mean everyone walked out of this place happy. There is hope for pro wrestling in 1990. Let the big names put out & build up the young guys in the **same** promotion just like they're doing here. Maybe strong indies like Tri-state are what will save wrestling in the 90's.

I'm also happy to hear about AR going bi-monthly. As a sheet editor (Wrestling-Then & Now \$1.25 issue/12 for \$12 from PO Box 471 Oakland Gdns. Station, Flushing, NY 11364) I get about 25 bulletins a month, mostly in "trade" situations. There are few that are as warm & entertaining as AR. For a variety of reasons, I had a rough day today & when I sat down and read this I just **relaxed**. Maybe it's because the editor & correspondents don't take the wrestling game so seriously that it becomes tedious. Wrestling is fun, escapist entertainment (except for the WWF of course--that's punishment for sins I've committed in previous lives). AR seems to capture the spirit of rasslin' and I wish Ron congrats on 3 great years!

Boy, what a happy column this month, huh, gang?

See you next time...

THE LEIGHTON MOVE

by "Hot Rod" Leighton

Yeah, I know. This is Mullins' spot. Well, J.J. is gone. You want your spot back, just yell. (Hey, I'd rather read your stuff than mine!) Pretty big shoes to try and fill; however, I am going to take a crack at it.

Which reminds me: I shall be in the same issue as the vivacious Marianne Ryan. So, now, I can legitimately say I have been in something with Marianne which starts with the letter B.

Not an awful lot going on in the world of pro wrestling. My main question at the moment are how Sapphy can boogey to Ted's music; especially wearing that imitation fur coat; and, if Sid will actually kill anyone during his upcoming title reign.

Likewise, not much happening in the sheet world. Don't seem to be any wars going on; Jon Gallagher and Dave Wolf are even bosom buddies. And, since I have calmed down and Zinger is really in love (Boy, don't know what I'd do without Jeff to tease.); things are quite quiet. There are a few things I heard floating around which I shall pass on in the interests of journalistic endeavor and also to see if I can stir up some shi_.

Questions such as: Is it true that Klone is really Dave Meltzer's father? Is it true that Ferk is actually 67 and has 19 grandchildren?

Well that's enough of that. Thought I would tell you a bit about myself. My name is Rodney Leighton; known variously as Hot Rod; Rodman, or "That jerk from Nova Scotia". Address is R.R. #3, Pugwash, N.S., Canada, B0K 1L0. I used to do a thing called The Leighton Move, which was a pathetic excuse for a zine. That mutated into The Leighton Look, which was primarily a review zine and died for lack of funds. So, now I write for others. Sort of cover the spectrum in wrestling sheets; writing serious, clean articles for Wrestling Perspective; slightly rowdier stuff for Ringside Reflector (just ask a certain NWA photographer); a bit wilder here; a bit more so in Wrestling-Then and Now; and I run wild in Rasslin Riot. Also write for four and counting outside of wrestling including a computer zine, and one published by a sixteen year old. (Calm down J.Z., don't forget, Jeff is in love.)

A Poem

She still goes to the card.
Even tho she feels like she is carrying a barrel of lard.
Why, oh why, she asks in despair.
I know! To keep him in his chair.
(And not go chasing off to someone else's lair.)

Inspired by the lousy poetry in Pro Wrestling Sushi and a lady who all "AR" readers know.

Guess that's all for this time--damnit.

Correspondent's Corner

Cobo Arena (NWA)

Detroit, MI

September 15, 1990

Correspondent: George Wilkinson

1) Brad Armstrong beat Dutch Mantell. 2) Stan Hansen over Tommy Rich. 3) Junkyard Dog over Arn Anderson in a non-title match. 4) Master Blasters downed Mike Rotunda & Tim Horner. 5) Steiner Brothers defeated Samoan Swat Team. 6) Midnight Express beat Tom Zenk & Brian Pillman. 7) Lex Luger won via count out over Sid Vicious. 8) Sting small packaged Ric Flair.

Dorton Arena (NWA)

Raleigh, NC

September 20, 1990

Correspondent: Mike Gunter

1) Wendall Cooley over Itallian Stallion in 3:00 as Stallion played heel. Cooley was to wrestle Blade Hunter but he's now one of the Blasters. Dud. 2) Brad Armstrong pinned Buddy Landell in 13 minutes. C- 3) Trucker Norm over Barry Horowitz in 14 minutes. D for Barry only. 4) Steiners over State Patrol. as Rick pinned Parker. Big pop for Steiners. C 5) Mike Rotunda sunset flipped Iron Sheik in 9:00. D- 6) Freebirds beat Midnight Express in 13:00 as Stan got hit by Cornette's racquet by Garvin. Lots of heat between the boys and Bob Roop over the finish.. C+ 7) Lex Luger pinned Sid Vicious in 13 minutes after Sid scored a false pin. Sid looked hopeless. D+ Att: 600

Madison Square Garden (WWF)

New York, NY

September 21, 1990

Correspondent: Elyse Zois

1) Dustin Rhodes used his bionic elbow to beat Paul Diamond. 2) Sgt.Slaughter used the camel clutch to make Nikolai Volkoff submit. The sarge was complainin' about hair pulss? 3) Barbarian reversed a flying body press to defeat Tito Santana. 4) Paul Roma pinned Marty Jannetty as Marty lifted Paul for a slam but Hercules grabbed Jannetty's foot and Roma came on top for the win. 5) Ron Garvin over Bob Bradley when Garvin reversed a sunset flip. 6) Hacksaw Duggan beat Rick Rude via DQ when Rude pushed the ref. 7) Legion of Doom & Ultimate Maniac beat Demolition when Warrior splashed Smash. Could have been better.

Brooklyn Park (ASWA)

Brooklyn Park, MD

September 22, 1990

Correspondents: Ferk & Bruce Ginevan

1) Satanic Warriors over Warpig & Johnny Lawler. 2) Morgus the Maniac pinned Beach Boy Vinnie. 3) Max Thrasher over Sledgehammer McGill. 4) Doug Superior & Tim Dyer over Bob Starr & Harley Watkins. 5) Rip Sawyer pinned Steve Young. 6) Kirk Dreed defeated Axle Rotten by count out. 7) A.J. Fritzoid (the ASWA champ) beat Atom Smash via DQ. Att: 60 Because of the low turnout, Axle Rotten didn't feel it was worth his while to get into gear so he wrestled in his street clothes. The other guys weren't too happy.

Aberdeen High School (IWA)

Aberdeen, MD

September 27, 1990

Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

1) Preston Steele pinned The Gladiator who had Thunderfoot (Gene Ligon) in his corner. Dud 2) Derrick Dukes beat Thunderfoot and after the bout, Jules Strongbow ran in and attacked Dukes but Babyface Bob Orton made the save. D 3) Denny Brown beat Tony "Hit Man" Stetson. D 4) Golden Phoenix over Mark Aris. Phoenix is WWA champ. Over with the kids. 5) Bob Orton pinned Jules Strongbow. Real bad. Dud 6) Dream Warriors (Terminator & Sunny Beach) over Motor City Madmen- Mike Moore & Joe Daniels (Boy Gone Bad-a Sharpe trainee.) as Beach pinned Moore. D Att: 400 Larry Cameron & Lou Perez were no-shows.

Baltimore Arena (NWA)

Baltimore, MD

September 28, 1990

Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

1) Tim Horner pinned Mario Savoldi. (Not the ICW one but it was a knock.) Dud 2) Alan Iron Eagle over Dr. X. Dud 3) The Juicer pinned Dutch Mantell. Fans were into Art Barr and vice versa. He did a couple of nice moves. C 4) Master Blaster Steel pinned Tom Zenk with a powerslam. Dud 5) Steiner Brothers beat State Patrol when Rick gave James Earl Wright a DDT from the top rope. C 6) Terry Taylor stole a foreign object from the Iron Sheik and pinned him. Another dud. 7) Ric Flair, Arn Anderson, & Sid Vicious beat Junkyard Dog, El Gigante, & Brian Pillman. Pillman had Flair pinned with a sunset flip but Arn came in and DDT'd Brian and put Ric on top for the win. Most talented guy on the team does the job. Yeeesh. C 8) Sting pinned Black Scorpion who was Rex Moondog. Sid ran in but Sting turned him back. Bruce wanted to know the last time Rex main evented. Probably never. Att: 2,000

Pittsburgh Civic Arena (WWF)

Pittsburgh, PA

September 28, 1990

Correspondent: John Lanigan

1) Shane Douglas pinned Buddy Rose with a sunset flip in the corner at 9:11. Rose brought a scale into the ring to prove he weighed 217 pounds. It must have been stuck on that number. B 2) Jimmy Snuka beat Warlord on a count out at 10:54 as he beat the count. 3) Jake Roberts rolled up Akeem from behind at 8:58 in a Harlem Street Fight. D 4) Orient Express over Bushwhackers in 11:23 as Tanaka pinned Miller after Fuji clobbered Butch with his cane. D 5) Haku used a thrust kick and small package to beat Jim Brunzell in 11:29. C 6) Ted DiBiase pinned Dusty Rhodes after Ted hit Dust with his million dollar belt in 8:29. C 7) Big Boss Man defeated Earthquake via DQ at 9:47 as Jimmy Hart threw in his megaphone and Quake hit BBM with it. C- Att: 4,000

Mid-Hudson Civic Center (WWF)

Poughkeepsie, NY

October 1, 1990

Correspondent: Andy King

1) Haku beat Jim Brunzell in the opener. Andy said he did his Jon Gallagher imitation and was late for this match. He's just kidding Jon. 2) Jimmy Snuka over Warlord via DQ when Warlord abused the ref. 3) Ted DiBiase beat Dusty Rhodes with the title belt smash. 4) Orient Express over Bushwhackers. 5) Shane Douglas pinned Buddy Rode. 6) Saba Simba pinned Black Bart. As Bart entered the ring, some fan yelled out, "That's the guy that injured Brutus Beefcake." Doesn't look like a woman to me. 7) Tugboat pinned Dino Bravo.

Tampa Sportatorium (PWF)

Tampa, FL

October 4, 1990

Correspondent: Shannon Rose

1) Hurricane Walker rolled up Bodyguard Mark. 2) Mighty Thor beat Tim Parker. 3) Terminator pinned Coconut Kid. 4) Lou Perez defeated Sgt. Rock via DQ. 5) Steve Keirn beat Mark Starr via DQ when Jimmy Backlund ran in and sprayed green mist in Keirn's eyes.

Greensboro Coliseum (NWA)

Greensboro, NC

October 5, 1990

Correspondent: K.C. O'Connor

1) The Juicer pinned Pat Rose with a Thesz press from the top rope. * $\frac{1}{2}$ 2) Maste Blasters beat Tim Horner & Mike Rotunda when Iron pinned Horner. * 3) Terry Taylor beat Dutch Mantell in a bout that saw Tony Schiavone come out and cheer for Dutch. (Maybe because he's his broadcast partner?) * $\frac{3}{4}$ 4) The Rock N' Indian Express (Morton & Iron Eagle) over Midnight Express when Ricky sunset flipped Stan. Gibson blew out his knee the night before in Tallahassee. Can't believe they didn't have Eagle do a job. ** $\frac{3}{4}$ 5) Junkyard Dog pinned Harley Race. Another travesty. Match was better than expected. *** $\frac{1}{4}$ 6) Doom vs. Arn and Flair went to a double DQ. Great bout. **** 7) Sting pinned Black Scorpion with a roll up. Scorp was Bill Irwin tonight. *** Att: 3,700

Correspondent: Louie Fortuna

1) Dino Bravo pinned Tito Santana using the corner buckles for leverage at 15:50. ** 2) Paul Diamond beat Bob Bradley with a sunset flip in the corner at 3:24. Bradley was a sub for Powers. Dud 3) Davey Boy Smith beat Haku with a running powerslam at 9:17. Davey Boy looked impressive physically but work rate wasn't up to par. * $\frac{1}{4}$ 4) Ted DiBiase beat Dusty Rhodes with the belt in 8:49. ** $\frac{1}{4}$ 5) Jimmy Snuka over Warlord via count out at 6:27. $\frac{3}{4}$ * 6) Tugboat over Earthquake via DQ when Bravo interfered. Better than it was expected. Quake even threw a dropkick. * $\frac{1}{4}$ 7) Hart Foundation over Rhythm & Blues via DQ. Bret had Honkey pinned but Valentine played a tune on Hart and put HTM on top for pin but second ref came in to reverse it and DQ the heels. ** Att: 2,700 Worst crowd in years, maybe ever.

Letters To "AR"Silo Mike

Before the Raleigh card, John Hitchcock, K.C. O'Connor, and myself shared some home made fudge with Jim Cornette & Tony Gilliam. The fudge was made by Cornette's wife. Also, John, K.C., and myself provided background for Corny as he did a live radio promo to try to pump up the lousy crowd. I told Buddy Landell that I was a friend of the president of his fan club, Jeff Bowdren. Landell said Bowdren was a crazy guy.

Inside the building we were standing by a wall when K.C. hollered something at Sid Vicious. Sid came over to where we were standing and cussed at K.C. and spit all over him while saying he would kick his MF'ing ass. The rest of the night Sid would come out and stare at us. After his match, as Sid was walking back to the dressing room, K.C. hollered, "Good job Sid". (He got pinned by Lex.) Vicious busted out laughing and came over to us and said, "I make 200,000 dollars a year and you wake up every morning and do a job you peon." The absolute worst card I ever attended but the extra curricular stuff was enjoyable.

Mike Gunter
Raleigh, NC

UWF Tapings

Herb Abrams' recent TV tapings (9/24) in Reseda were alot of fun. Expect some free advertising on Sports Channel as I was sitting ringside with my Arena Report cap on. Highlights of the evening were a jobber called Dave "The Observer" Meltzer being destroyed by Steve Williams and several others in a cheap, yet intriguing angle. and referee Larry Sampson being excited from the ring by Colonel DeBeers for "being a black man". So I started up a "We wnat Larry chant" which caught on quick. They shot an angle with Larry and DeBeers later on which I'd like to think I had something to do with. (Myself and a couple of ringsiders even made some "Larrymania" and "Larry Rules" signs which the camera picked up on.)

Ross Blair
Simi Valley, CA

RL- Dave was so pissed off at the job he did for Doc that he has enlited his cohorts "Matwatcher" Beverly, "Torch" Keller, and "AR" Lemieux in a battle with Doc's buddies, Terry Gordy, Stan Hansen, and Bruiser Brody. (Hey, Abrams said he could get him.) Think Vegas would take odds on that one?

Sting

The idea of Sting as the lead babyface (and role model) is absurd! Having seen this obnoxious idiot on both Sonya Live and Family Feud only confirms this belief. Any thoughts on Sting's first four months as champion?

Whatever happened to Marilyn Trundle? Did she leave with the Mull-Man?

Kent "Klon" Herron
Melbourne, FL

RL- As far as wrestling ability, Sting hasn't shown he can carry a weak opponent Not like Flair could anyway. But that may be an unfair comparison since your talking about one of the greats. Forget drawing power. The business is so bad right now Saint Peter would have a problem drawing. But Sting clearly make himself more personable in the public eye. His conduct on Family Feud was atrocious. I'd give the belt to Brad Armstrong if the guy was the least bit over. He came off as Mr. Class on those shows. As for Marilyn, check out the next letter. The Mull-Man is alive and well. Who started those rumors that Sushi had drowned. I got a call from him last night and you all should have heard from him by now.

She's Baaaack

I just read "AR" (9/24) and really missed the letters to the editor page. Come on everyone...send those cards and letters in. I had a good excuse. You see, I was doing stomach surgery on...oh, nevermind...you wouldn't believe me anyway. Was Marianne Ryan's explanation (of the fight she was involved in)

on the back of that missing "letters to the editor" page by any chance? Marian is a great addition to "AR", but I HATE IT WHEN YOU DO THAT, Marianne. Don't b making those kinds of statements and then leaving us in the dark, wondering wha happened. I join Marianne in being ecstatic that the Harts got their belts back at SS. I just wish I could join her in the parking lot-or the back seat with the Hart Foundation. I'm talking about her trip with them from Peoria to Chicago, of course.

I'm not so sure I believe Jersey's reasons for leaving "AR". Nope., I don't think so. Sounds too far fetched for even him! But, hmmm, well maybe... nah! Well, I won't miss the state of confusion his articles always left me in. Hope we still hear from him once in awhile.

Well, I am at work typing this (on lunch break, naturally) because I still haven't put my computer together at home. I moved two months ago, and worse than having no computer yet is the fact that until last Saturday, 9/22, I had been cableless! So, I have been missing alot of wrestling. If anyone is wondering why MSG aired the 9/21 card on 9/21 and again on the very next night, I'm sure it's because they heard me whining. Pretty nice of them huh? By the way, only the cable company would call you all the way home from work to tell you they "can't install your cable until you dig a 10 foot trench" and then not bring any underground cable with them when they return to install five days later. However, the cable guy told me to put down the kitchen knife and was nice enough to do what is known in the business as a friggin' riggin" until someone could come out later in the week with underground cable. He also turned out to be a wrestling fan. He never heard of wrestling newsletters so I gave him info on "AR" (and WT&N, Evan).

Well Ron, I'm really happy you went bi-weekly. However, I think deep down you are a true, blatant weekly. But, self growth and discovery takes time. So, I'll be patient. Keep up the good work and-from all of us neglectful letter writers - just remember that even when we are being temporarily neglectful, we're still reading and enjoying "AR" and appreciating all the work you and your contributors put into it. (I don't know about the rest of you but I felt pretty guilty when he scolded us in his little subtle way.)

Marilyn Rundle
Gardiner, NY

WWF Trucks

Just when we think Vince McMahon has done as many silly, absurd skits as he can think of, he comes right back again. No, not Ted DiBiase in Cobb County. This is even stranger. On a recent "Wrestlefest '90" Coliseum video cassette, we are treated to a segment on the WWF's "Big Wheels", some of the 24 semi-trucks that the Whiff uses to haul its rings and TV equipment. Actually this segment is rather well done, and Lord Al Hayes even sounds like he knows what he's talking about. I bet some of those rigs would go over great at E-Town, right Marilyn? **INSIDE JOKE! INSIDE JOKE!** (A tribute to the departed Jersey Joe.) May he and his cosmic mind rest in peace.

Andy King
Middletown, NY

LATE NOTES: Terry Funk the favorite to win tomorrow night's USWA tourney in Memphis. The Unified champ will only defend a couple of times permonth so the Southern title will be the one defended every week. Dick Slater had won the title in a fictitious match and was to lose it to Jeff Jarrett at the live TV show Sat.....WWF cancelled three shows this weekend in Butte, Montana, Spokane, WA and a city in Idaho due to low advance.....Van Vader back in November to headline with Luger though he won't be doing any TV to pump that bout up.....Starcade said to consist of Sting vs. Scorpion and a tag tourney. Good deal. It got over so well last year. The braintrust of the NWA continues to amaze.....NWA bringing in Mike Moore as the Detroit City Mad Man to battle Lex at the next Clash in Jacksonville. Hey Klon, you sure you want to go? Chris Von Erich also on that card working with Lord Littlebrook. I know. Enough of the Chris midget jokes..... Video collectors will want a copy of Ricky Steamboat doing a job for Muta's moonsault in Japan last Sunday night.....That benefit card for Tom Robinson will take place on 11/9. A correction from last issue. The main event will be Midnights vs. Terry Funk & Cactus Jack. Jerry Lawler meets Scotty the Body and Brian Tramel gets a rematch with the Blade. **WHAT!!!** Tramel and Lawler in the same building. That would be worth the price for admission right there. For those unable to attend; you can send \$10.00 (which is the price for the ticket) and promoter Dennis Corraluzzo will donate it to the Dept. of Youth Family Services. If you'd like to help out, send it to Dennis at 1020 Cooper St. Deptford, NJ 08096.....That's it from here. Thanks to everyone for helping out with this ish including the late notes phone call man. It's three weeks and counting until my life changes as I know it. Truthfully, it looks like the baby could come tomorrow. Have a good two and do me a favor. **SAY A PRAYER FOR THE RED SOX!!!!**

See ya,
Ron